



Lord of Life
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

7th Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023
10:30 am

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: *The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*

ELW 531

Gathering Song: *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name (x2)

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name (x2)

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

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The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**
Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took

him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God’s grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Time

Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak*

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
to be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness
Word of God speak (**repeat**)

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Gospel: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Paul Amlin

Song of the Day: *For All You've Done*

My Saviour Redeemer
Lifted me from the miry clay
Almighty forever
I will never be the same
'Cause You came near
From the everlasting
To the world we live
The Father's only Son

Chorus:

And You lived and You died
And You rose again on high
And You opened the way
for the world to live again
Hallelujah for all You've done

My Saviour Redeemer
Lifted me from the miry clay
Almighty forever
I will never be the same
'Cause You came near
From the everlasting
To the world we live
The Father's only Son

Chorus(x2)

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Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Music: *The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing*

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- 1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

- 2 Tables are laden with good things;
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine. **Refrain**

- 3 The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord. **Refrain**



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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Preparing for the Table

...So if we come to this table angry,

Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,

Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,

Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,

Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

When Jesus ate with his friends, He took bread, and after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

"Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread and share the one cup. **Thanks be to God!**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution Song: *Broken for Me*

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Refrain

Broken for me, broken for you;
the body of Jesus broken for you.

1 He offered his body, he poured out his soul;
Jesus was broken that we might be whole. **Refrain**

2 Come to my table and with me dine;
eat of my bread and drink of my wine. **Refrain**

3 This is my body given for you;
eat it, rememb'ring I died for you. **Refrain**

4 This is my blood I shed for you;
for your forgiveness, making you new. **Refrain**

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Graduate Recognition

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Mighty Is Our God*

Mighty is our God

Mighty is our King

Mighty is our Lord

Ruler of ev'rything

Glory to our God

Glory to our King

Glory to our Lord

Ruler of ev'rything

His name is higher

Higher than any other name

His pow'r is greater

For He has created ev'rything

Mighty is our God
Mighty is our King
Mighty is our Lord
Ruler of ev'rything

Glory to our God
Glory to our King
Glory to our Lord
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Ruler of ev'rything

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Mighty Is Our God

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

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Altar Flowers today are provided by Tara Grace.

This Week at Lord of Life

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Last Day of Sunday School/Pancake Party
	10:30 AM	Worship NOW in-person or online
	7:00 PM	Youth Bonfire at Pastor Paul's house
Thursday, May 25	11:30 AM	Senior Lunch: The Bread Basket-Manchester
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry

2023 Graduates

Today we celebrate the graduations of the following Lord of Life members: Josie Boyle from Western Dubuque High School, Jonathon Muehring from Hempstead High School and Kylie Felderman from NICC – Early Childhood. Congratulations and we wish you the best as you move forward!

Youth Bonfire

Tonight from 7-8:30pm! Meet in Pastor Paul's backyard for s'mores and good conversation. Bring a chair and your own beverage.

Summer Worship Schedule

Reminder that our summer worship schedule begins this Saturday, the 27th. Saturday services are at 4:00 pm and Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. Wishing you a blessed summer!

Open Closet Donations

Due to limited space, only spring and summer items will be accepted at the Open Closet. Please be sure that all donations are CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR!

Prayer List

Tim & Heather Felderman and family

Phyllis Fishnick

Nate & Diane Frambach

Lois Freiburger

Pat Friedman

Sally Fuller

Steve Geisert

Worship Servants:

Sunday, May 21

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM	Kevin Cartee	Susan Hansen	Jenn Cartee	Craig & Dione Miller
10:30 AM		Tara Grace	Barry Pickart	Tim & Heather Felderman

Saturday/Sunday, May 27/28

4:00 PM			Steve Geisert	Don & Kayleen Backhaus
9:00 AM		Al Simms	Susan Hansen	Kevin & Jenn Cartee

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Franciscan Common Venture is a volunteer program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, IA. Listed here are some upcoming opportunities for persons age 21+. If interested, contact **Sr. Michelle Balek, OSF: 563-583-9786**, balekm@osfdbq.org, or visit our website for a listing of the 2023 opportunities and downloadable application materials: www.osfdbq.org/commonventure

Catholic Worker House, Waterloo, IA

Week-long: July 9-15 (Cost \$100) St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Worker House is a faith-based intentional community committed to practicing the Works of Mercy as found in Jesus' teachings. Service needs include: assisting with community meals, cleaning, painting, and ministry of presence. There will be the opportunity to give service with a few other non-profit organizations in Waterloo. Team has room for 2-3 more people. **Due date to apply: June 11**

Mustard Seed Community Farm, Ames, IA: Two Opportunities

Pilgrimage of Service: Food Justice

Week-long: July 23 – 29 (Cost: \$100) The Mustard Seed Farm is dedicated to sustainable, simple living, love of our neighbor, and creating a community in which everyone can participate in growing and eating delicious, healthy, locally produced food. Throughout the week volunteers will learn about food justice by visiting/serving at the farm, the Catholic Worker House, Food at First and other local organizations. **Due date to apply: June 26**

Food Justice

Short-term: August 3-6; Cost: (\$50) Volunteers will assist with the harvest and other tasks on the farm and with the community meal at the Catholic Worker House. **Due date to apply: July 6**

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